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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 6-21, 24, 26-29, 32, and 33 are pending in the application. In the present response, claim 28 is amended to add a semi-colon, and claim 33 is cancelled without prejudice.

In the Office Action mailed January 25, 2006, the Examiner rejected claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tiedemann, Jr. et al (US 5,642,398). The Examiner has allowed claims 1, 3, 6-21, 24, 26-29, and 32.

While not necessarily acquiescing to the aforementioned art rejection set forth by the Examiner, and in the interest of advancing the prosecution of the present application, Applicants have cancelled claim 33 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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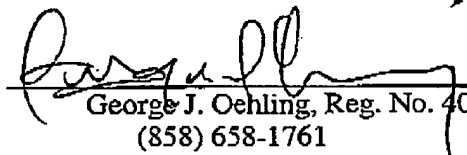
REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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